



Granite State Clean Cities Coalition (GSCCC) January/February 2020 Newsletter

Hello everyone ~

As we prepare to turn the clocks ahead, we can look forward to brighter, longer days. With this comes more time to explore alternative fuel and electric vehicle opportunities and advancements.

We're actively planning for GSCCC's Green Your Fleet! Workshop at the NH Motor Speedway. This is a free event geared towards fleet and business managers, towns and cities, schools and universities, local leaders and others - now is the time to register, or sponsor and exhibit.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts, ideas or questions. I always look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime ... stay warm and stay tuned!

~Jessica

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Volkswagen Announcement: Direct Current Fast Charging Infrastructure - Request for Information

On November 22, 2019, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the installation and operation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), including both Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) and Level 2 chargers in New Hampshire was released by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). Through this solicitation, the State of New Hampshire sought a qualified Applicant to provide a strategic network of EVSE and associated operations, maintenance and management services along specified corridors in New Hampshire. NHDES did not receive any qualifying proposals through the RFP.



During the RFP process, NHDES and the Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) received a number of questions and comments related to issues pertaining to the RFP. In an effort to receive feedback and additional input on the RFP, NHDES and OSI have released a Request for Information (RFI). Respondents to the RFI are invited to provide information on factors that may influence standards related to the issues listed in the RFP. NHDES and OSI intend to consider input from this RFI for the purpose of developing a subsequent RFP for the installation and operation of EVSE along specified corridors in the state. The RFI can be accessed on the OSI website at:

<https://www.nh.gov/osi/energy/programs/vw-trust-funding.htm>

A public session will be held on Tuesday March 10, 2020 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM at the NHDES Auditorium at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord to receive feedback and additional input on the RFP.

There's still time to contribute to GSCCC's Annual Report!

If your fleet, town or business used alternative fuels, electric vehicles, or idle reduction/fuel efficiency strategies in NH during 2019, please let me know.

It's quick and easy to contribute to our Annual Report and impact petroleum reduction efforts in NH.

Call/email: Jessica @ (603) 271-6751 or jessica.wilcox@des.nh.gov
Or visit: <https://www.granitestatecleancities.nh.gov/annual-questionnaire.htm>



FEDERAL TAX CREDIT: ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE

Fueling equipment for natural gas, propane, electricity, biodiesel, etc. installed through December 31, 2020, is eligible for a tax credit of 30% of the cost – this credit is retroactive and can be applied to previously installed alternative fuel and EV charging stations.

Click this link for information:
[Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit](#)



Green Your Fleet!

(GYF)

GSCCC's 2020 **Green Your Fleet!** Workshop returns to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Thursday, June 4th

Join us for presentations, exhibits, and a vehicle and equipment showcase on the Speedway Infield, along with a thrilling Ride & Drive on the Racetrack! Plus, Nashua Transit System will be bringing a Hybrid Electric Transit Bus equipped with BAE Systems' HybriDrive propulsion system - *come for a ride!*

An agenda packed with alternative fuel and electric vehicle funding guidance, opportunities for fleets/towns/businesses, and advancements in vehicles/technology/equipment, combined with the allure of the Racetrack, sets GYF 2020 to be an Alternative Fuel "Woodstock!"

This one-day Workshop is *free* and *lunch is provided*. Click the links below for more information:

- Learn more: [Event Webpage](#)
- Attend: [Registration Link](#)
- Sponsor & Exhibit: [Invoice & Benefits](#)
- Showcase Vehicles/Equipment: [Email me](#)
- View Program Flyer: [GYF Flyer](#)

Geared to Fleet & Business Managers, Fuel & Transportation Providers, State & Municipal Representatives, Planning Commissions, Energy & Sustainability Committees, Schools & Universities as well as Alt Fuel & EV Advocates & Enthusiasts, GYF is a celebration of on-road & off-road, light-duty to heavy-duty alternative fuels (e.g. biodiesel, electric, natural gas, propane), vehicles and equipment, electric vehicle charging stations, solar technology, and other fuel saving strategies.

Thank you to our Gold Sponsor:
Unitil

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Eco-Equipment Supply, Mean Green Commercial Electric
Lawnmowers and **Country Club Enterprises**

We look forward to sharing the day with you!

Calendar: Other Events, Meetings & Webinars

- **April 13-15, Tacoma, WA - Green Transportation Summit & Expo** - This annual event offers invaluable fleet technician training and general education opportunities with sessions and seminars tailored to fleets and clean transportation stakeholders.
- **May 11-14, Long Beach, CA - Advanced Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo** - The largest advanced transportation technology and clean fleet event in North America.
- **June 4, Loudon, NH - Green Your Fleet! Workshop** - a free alternative fuel vehicle, technology and equipment event at the NH Motor Speedway. [Register today!](#)
- **October 5, Norwood, MA - AltWheels** - This annual event presents the latest in transportation technologies, alternative fuels and fleet management practices. **As a member of the Advisory Committee for this year's event, I'd like to remind you it's not too late to register. Click this link to access the Registration Form.**

**Alternative Fuel Spotlight:
"Three Reasons to Choose Propane in 2020"**

Todd Mouw, Vice President of sales and marketing for ROUSH CleanTech, recently shared the following article:

"Great news: alternative fuel tax credits are back! Although propane vehicle technology makes good economic sense without subsidy, these added incentives on the fuel and infrastructure are like the proverbial icing on the cake!"

Here's the background. The alternative fuel excise credit, which expired in 2017, has been extended. The update has been extended through December 31, 2020, providing a retroactive credit for all of 2018 and 2019.

With the energy adjustment calculation, propane credits are covered at 36 cents per U.S. gallon. For the alternative fuel infrastructure tax credit, the fueling equipment for propane is eligible for a tax credit of up to 30 percent of the cost, not to exceed \$30,000 per property.

You can find further details at the [**Alternative Fuels Data Center website**](#). If you have any other questions, the AFDC website lists the contact information as: Excise Tax Branch/IRS at 202.317.6855 or IRS.gov.

When you couple these incentives with the uncertainty in the Middle East and the negative impact that will have on oil prices, it makes it a much easier decision to transition to a domestically produced option like propane autogas. This should help insulate your fleet from the pricing volatility that comes with diesel.

Significant fuel and maintenance savings, an abundant and domestically produced clean fuel and over 1 billion miles of end user data are three reasons why you should choose propane autogas in 2020.

To learn more about ROUSH CleanTech's alternative-fuel vehicle technology that powers school buses and Ford commercial vehicles, please visit [**ROUSHcleantech.com**](http://ROUSHcleantech.com)."

You might also be interested in ...

- [**A year in Hydrogen: Innovative Products, Progressive Policies, and New Players Emerge**](#)
- [**Biodiesel industry plans to double production, reduce GHGs**](#)
- [**Hummer is making an electric comeback**](#)
- [**UPS utilizes RNG to help reach sustainability goals**](#)

Social Media Appeal:

Are you on Facebook? Interested in what the Coalition has to say this week? Join the alternative fuel/advanced tech vehicle conversation, visit our [Facebook page](#) and click the link to "LIKE" us – 228 likes and counting!

Help us grow our following by:

1. **"Liking" our page from your Facebook account.**
2. **If you think you've liked the page already, double-check – Did you know that "like" and "follow" are NOT the same thing? Some of you may have "followed" the page but still need to hit that thumbs-up button.**
3. **On our page, click on the "Invite Friends" button on the right-hand side. You'd be surprised how many people will like us with just that little nudge!**
4. **... and share our posts!**

Thank you for reading – if there's something you'd like to see, say or share drop me a line: Jessica.Wilcox@des.nh.gov

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